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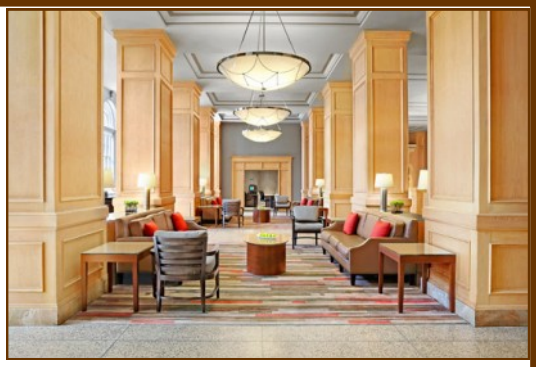

Welcome new members **Bob Fritsch** and **Kevin Day-Thorburn**. We have started to make plans to attend the 2015 *RCNA* convention in Halifax (Nova Scotia) July 22-26, 2015 which is hosted by *Halifax & Regional Coin Club*. The convention is at the *Westin Nova Scotia Hotel & Conference Centre* — go to this link to contact the hotel https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1409102747&key=2D732658. It is not too early for you to start planning to attend. Because the convention is in Halifax, a lot of our Maritime members will be in attendance and it will be a good opportunity for new members to mingle and perhaps trade with veteran members. I hope to see you there.

**Marion** and I leave shortly for two weeks in Arizona. If you will be in the Phoenix area in mid-February contact me at one of the contact points below. I will keep members informed of any finds I have during this holiday.

**Noreen Howcroft** has forwarded the following message: "I sincerely thank the club and the *Timber Talk* editor for the kind words on **Norm's** passing. Many thanks to all. It has been a difficult time for me as just this week I lost my sister. I now live in a very small apartment. After having two operations my doctor would not let me go back to my home which I lived in for 60 years. The hard times seem to come all at once. Once again 'Thank You' to everyone."

I have been advised that **Bill Cousins** and **Larry Walker's** retirement has been pushed back 1-2 years, and *Canada Wide Woods* (CCW) is still in business and welcomes the return of past patrons. They made the wood on page 2 of this issue.

I have received many renewals for 2015 membership and I would like to remind members who have yet to renew, that it's now time to renew your membership. This is the second last bulletin you will receive if you have not paid your dues by the end of March. If you have any questions on your membership status or any other matter, please e-mail me at wood5cents@shaw.ca or please phone me at 403-273-6133. You can also reach me at Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3C1.

In closing, I would like to remind you again that *Timber Talk* is the life line of our hobby so please take a few minutes and write a short article and send it to our Editor. Remember, your editor will send you a unique *Timber Talk* numbered wood for submitting your article provided you give her your mailing address. Also please start making plans for the RCNA in Halifax in If you have any questions you can contact me at any of the contact points shown above.

Cheers! *Al Munro*

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The **C.A.W.M.C.** was founded on **January 1st, 1975**, by **Garry Braunwarth** (C-1) (*pictured below*) and **Victor B. Hall** (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

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# *Timmins Coin Club 50th Anniversary Wood*

Free Wood of the Month of February 2015 reported by **France D. Waychison**

The wood for the month of February has been issued by the Timmins Coin Club in commemoration of the club's 50th anniversary of its foundation.

One side of the wood, stamped in metallic gold, commemorates the club's anniversary with the words Timmins Coin Club/ 50th/ Anniversary/ 1965-2015, and features a central image of a large golden nugget and a miner's pick. Below are the words "Golden Nugget".

The other side is stamped in metallic blue, and bears the words "Timmins "and "Canada's Gold Capital". A central image portrays a variation of the Timmins Coin Club's logo shown are two prospectors paddling a canoe with the McIntyre #11 head frame in the background. The McIntyre #11 head frame, a Timmins landmark, was saved from demolition to remind all, of the town's glorious mining history. The two prospectors in a canoe is the club's version of the famous voyageur canoe design of Emanuel Hahn, which was first used on the Canadian silver dollar of 1935. Brendan Montgomery, the club's youngest member, designed both the club logo, and the wood. Canada Wide Woods produced a total of 300 woods measuring 44 mm in diameter.

Timmins is locally known as the *Town with the Heart of Gold,* and is the heart of the Porcupine Gold Camp, Canada's largest gold producing area with over 70,460,423 ounces of gold produced since 1909 through to 2013. The #11 head frame was part of the McIntyre Gold Mines property, one of the Big Three mines, located within the center of the city. The McIntyre, along with the Hollinger and Dome Mines, account for over 46.5 million ounces gold mined within the camp since discovery in 1909.

The Timmins Coin Club was founded in 1965. The club is very active, and meets every month other than July and August. It also holds public events every year, at a local mall or other venues. The club's objective is to educate the public, and to facilitate communications between local and regional coin collectors.

Timmins is located 680 kms north of Toronto, and has a population of 43,165 (Canada 2011 Census), however, the city services a much larger area and population as a regional service and distribution center for Northeastern Ontario. Although the town of Timmins was incorporated in 1912, three year after the discovery of gold in the Porcupine Gold rush, in 1973 the Ontario government amalgamated the town of Timmins with several other local communities, including South Porcupine, Schumacher (Tisdale Township), Mountjoy Township, Porcupine (Whitney Township), and many of the other smaller

surrounding communities, to create the Corporation of the City of Timmins. This action made Timmins the largest city in Canada with an area of 2,961.52 square kilometres (1,143.45 sq. mi) until 1995, when the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Alberta, was created.

Those interested in more information about either the club or wood should contact Kevin at nifinder@hotmail.com.

Reference:
Anom. *Timmins* in Wikipedia, the online Free Encyclopedia, data captured January 3, 2015.
Atkinson, B.T., Bousquet, P., Pace, A., Debicki, R.L., Daniels, C.M., Wilson, A.C., Halet, S.E., Beauchamp, S. and McMillan, R. 2014: Report of Activities 2013, Resident Geologist Program, Timmins Regional Resident Geologist Report: Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie Districts; Ontario Geological Survey, Open File Report 6294, 121p

## *Chilkat Restaurant & Bakery* by David (Rusty) Phillips

When rummaging through some older copies of the Timber Talk, I came across (again) the article on the Chilkat Restaurant & Bakery and one of it's woods (from the February, 2014 T.T.).

Excellent article, and the restaurant is as you describe in the article !!

After rereading it, I realized that I had several of the woods mentioned in the article, eg; woods issued over the years until 2006....

So, for your edification (and use in T.T. if you want and can make sense out of the following), attached are scans of the 5 woods I have in my collection.

The last one, eg; numbered #50, is the same as the one you used in the article (and in my opinion is the last one ever issued. I got a copy of this wood in the summer of 2009 when wife & I visited the Restaurant and was told by the waiter that it was the last wood made and issued by the Restaurant. Obviously there were a few woods left still in 2009).

The other woods shown were obviously from previous to 2006 issues (particularly #3 & #37, as they have a totally different and "older" style of logo on their obverse sides).

Unfortunately, I don't have, nor know about, any other Chilkat Restaurant woods, so can't show you the 7-8 varieties that Miki Atkins mentions....

Wish I did know for sure how many there actually were, and what "all" of them looked like.....

Incidentally, why the "distance" between the various Chilkat Restaurant woods, eg; #3,4 & 5, then #37, then #50..... When I got "new to me" AK. woods, from any specific location, originally (up to about 8 – 10 yrs ago) I would rearrange all the woods in that location so as to keep them all in alphabetical order, but as the AK. woods started "pouring" in, I gave up

rearranging the woods alphabetically and just listed them numerically as they came in....eg, the woods filling the gaps between the numbers are obviously other woods from that specific location that had been acquired by me before another wood, from a previous noted recording, arrived.

Make sense ??

(restaurant picture is courtesy of TripAdvisor.com)

## *Chilliwack Woodworking Art Pieces*

The Wood Nickel (founded in 2011) in Chilliwack (Lower Mainland, B.C.) features this Olympic Coin holder (designed March, 2011) to hold Loonies, and the quarters that were distributed for the Vancouver Olympics. The also make artistic rounds such as this Running Horse in Cedar round, and the other example is a carving of Deer in the Forest carved into a Pine round with a natural stain finish. Additionally, along with other beautiful wood art pieces, they make custom finished address signs, such as this attractive 3d oval with a Maple leaf, engraved in the banner is the address. The company masthead includes this wood 1942 Canada 5 Cents. Whenever possible by using wood obtained from felled trees (by storms or age), stumps or by cut-offs that cannot be used by the mills, The Wood Nickel decreases the impact on the environment.

For general inquiries, or to schedule a viewing, email: info@thewoodnickel.com or jamesyaychuk@thewoodnickel.com.

# *She was the Grand Dame of Elongated Cents & Wooden Nickels*

by **Robert Gabriel**

She was the grand dame of elongated cents (EC's) and wooden nickels. She was the numismatic ambassador from Connecticut. If you're into EC's or wooden money, you know who she was – Sally R Kirka. She ran her operation out of Manchester, CT, and produced many exciting elongates and various woods, both flat and round, over a period of about 40 years. She was recognized by numismatic organizations from coast to coast, and was well know in the collecting community as the Grand Dame of EC's. Her designs will live on for years and those that are in the hobby currently, or those that will be entering into the hobby, do and will seek out her creations to add to their own collections. If you collect wood chances are you have at least one of her woods in your collection. A summery obituary is below:

Sally R. (Grabowski) Kirka, 83, of Manchester, Connecticut passed away June 5, 2002, after a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Alphonse J. Kirka. She lived most of her life in Manchester – a hot bed of numismatics. Sally served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. She was an avid coin collector specialized in elongated coins (EC's) and was the past president of The Elongated Coin Society and was one of the original founding members. She was twice President of the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors (IOWMC), and a longtime member of Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC). She was also active in many local, state and national Numismatic Organizations, including the ANA. She was the editor of three coin publications, NENA News, The Wooden Nickel Club Newsletter and The Elongated Collector (TEC) newsletter. Sally received numerous national Numismatic Awards during her lifetime. Sally was very creative in arts and crafts, specializing in the designing of elongated coins for herself and others.

Above actual size with enlarged view elongated, and below: Sally's EC designs and production with the 1970 TEC Convention in Missouri; 1972 elongated (1954) silver dime with her self-image; 1 of the hundreds of round woods she produced for herself; and Sally absolutely loved flats as the 2 flats with attached elongated coins show. A 5 coin elongated set, and a spring elongated on embedded in envelope.

# Christmas Woods I Received!

by **Norm Belsten** LC45

If any CAWMC member issued a Christmas wood that is not shown here, please send me a scan with the relevant information needed for the catalogue.

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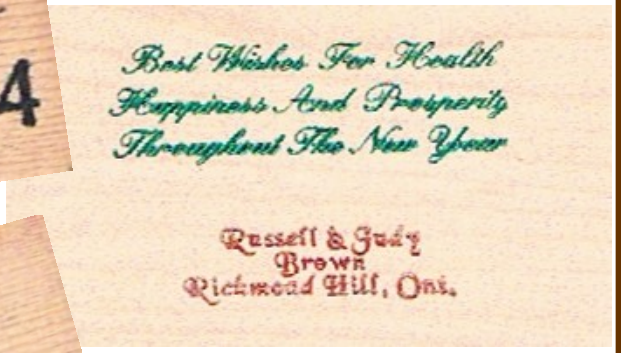


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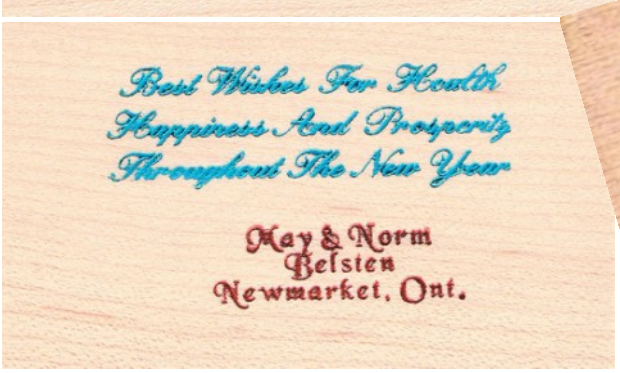


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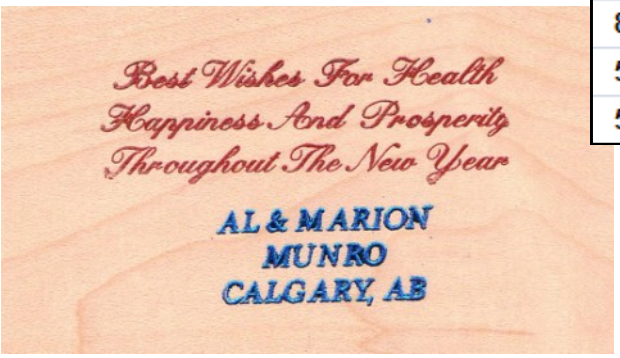


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## B.C. & ON Woods Available

**David "Rusty" Phillips** has two batches of woods that may interest CAWMC members who are looking to fill out their collections of British Columbia and Ontario woods. You can contact him by phone (250) 723-5061 or by e-mail rustynbetty@telus.net. Same arrangements as **Rusty** has put in place in the past. You may want lots or individuals, and he will work it out with you. These are the woods available based on the CAWMC catalogue numbers:

British Columbia: 9000-003; 9150-001; 9200-005; 9200-006; 9369-002; 9650-004; 9650-013; 9650-014; 9680-003; and 9800-035B.

Ontario: 5076-001; 5076-005; 5076-006; 5076-012; 5076-013; 5076-014; 5076-015; 5076-016; 5076-017; 5076-018; 5076-022; 5076-023; 5076-024; 5076-025; 5100-126; 5163-001; 5121-030; 5121-036; and 5121-038.

## Woods on the Fly?

8840-001-8840-002C (BL/BL, BR/BR, BR/BL, BL/BR), Lavoie Hotel Centennial (was at 4906 50th Avenue, St. Paul, Alberta until sold, and then burn down), 1967, quantity unknown, 38mm round, rarity 2 or unknown.

Hansen's Hotel burned down in May, 2010, and will not be rebuilt. Pictured above is the former Lavoie Hotel in 1925, which later became Hansen's Hotel

Follow Highway 28 Northeast of Edmonton, Alberta and you'll find St. Paul, the town that built a UFO Landing Pad to celebrate Canada's centennial in 1967. The Hon. Paul Hellyer, Minister of Defense, even flew in by helicopter to officially open it. The $11,000 cost was donated by members of the community and the land was provided by the town. A UFO Interpretive Display has been opened in the adjacent tourist information centre, with photos of UFO's, crop circles, cattle mutilations, and information on hoaxes. There's even a UFO hotline, so if you have a sighting, here's the toll-free number to call 1-888-SEE-UFOS.

Driven to fly like so many enthusiasts following the flights of the Wright brothers and others, Elmer, George and John Underwood of Stettler, Alberta set to work inventing a machine of their own. The result was unique: a craft with elliptically shaped wings.

The "Underwood *Flying Wing* of 1907" was composed of long strips of fir and wire that were covered with cloth. Above the wing was a large fin, with a rudder at the back and an elevator attached to the tail. Under the large wing was a platform where the pilot sat. Motorcycle wheels were placed under the platform and bicycle wheels placed on each wing to hold it steady for take-offs and landings.

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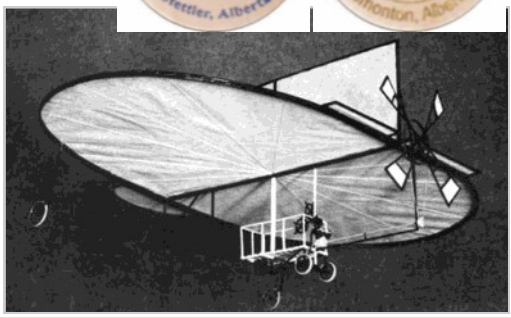
8300-105 (BL/BL), Royal Canadian Numismatic Association Convention—Edmonton Numismatic Society—Canada First Flying Machine, 2009, quantity unknown, 45mm round, rarity 1.



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Jan. 1995 — Aug. 2008
Ross Kingdon
(14 years!!!)

*Above* is a Dan Gosling photo of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 — Dec. 2009
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Norm Belsten

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Judy Blackman

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The platform also contained a place to house the motorcycle motor once they were able to afford one.

In the meantime, the Underwoods displayed their creation at Stettler's exhibition in July 1907, and tested the machine on their farm. Tying the aircraft to a fencepost, the brothers placed sacks of wheat on the platform to replicate the weight of a pilot, and launched the plane like a kite. The test went well, and for the next trial, John took the place of the wheat to "fly" the machine for 15 minutes. Their enterprise was then put away until the next year, when the Underwoods finally obtained their coveted motorcycle engine.

Attached to the front of the wing was a large bamboo and canvas propeller, powered by the motorcycle motor. Unfortunately, the brothers found that the engine was too small to get the craft airborne, so they hitched the plane to the fence post once again, using it like a kite, until the *Flying Wing* was destroyed one day by high winds. Their effort was eventually abandoned, since they lacked the resources to continue.

Around 1910 the first of the Bleriot monoplanes, the inventor of which was the first man to cross the English channel from France to England in his flying machine, was quietly tested and tried out on a huge piece of Alberta prairie, sixty miles west of Didsbury. Andre Bleriot is the man who invented his monoplane and made of it such a successful flying machine, and at the time of its first trial he was with his two brothers on their ranch near Didsbury (around Stettler), Alberta, when they told him to take it to France which he did. It was the intention of Andre Bleriot to establish a factory for the construction of his machines in Canada, and Montreal had been picked as the head-quarters in Canada.

Possibly the Underwoods laid the foundation for Bleriot!

3350-016 (BL/BL), Flying Club 50th Anniversary, Moncton, New Brunswick, 1979, quantity 500, 38mm round, rarity 1.

8550-025 (RD/GR), Corral Rib House / The Flying Spur Saloon, Lethbridge, Alberta, year of issue unknown, quantity unknown, 50mm round, rarity 1.

5912-001 (R/R), Wogenstahl's Flying Bait Service, Vermillion Bay, Ontario, 1982, quantity 200, 38mm round, rarity 1.

Wogenstahl's Canadian Resort & Trailer Park on famous 23-mile long horseshoe-shaped, clear and clean, Cedar Lake has cabin rentals, 22 boats, and a 33 full-service R.V. park (with swimming beach, Laundromat, showers, water sports, bait and tackle shop, hot dog roasts, weekly parties) on a great lake offering Walleye, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Muskie, Jumbo Perch, and Whitefish fishing; as well as great canoeing, hiking, photography and more! Lake Trout on nearby lakes too.

# A Victorian Wood Era?

5975-001 (BL/BL), **Victoria**—Simcoe Numismatic Association, Woodville, Ontario, 1976, quantity 2,500, 38mm round, rarity 1.

August 1968 ONA Numismatist: The Annual Coin Show and Banquet of the **Victoria**-Simcoe Numismatic Association provided a feast fit for a king not only in the excellent turkey dinner provided but also in the coins on display for sale and trade and in the guest speaker, who was Mr. William (Bill) English.

CLCC-002 (BL/BL), Profile Edward VII, **Victoria**—George V—Edward VII, Amarillo, Texas, 1976, quantity 500, 38mm round, rarity 1.

Queen **Victoria's** Portraits information and pictures courtesy of Numista (Xavier).

In 1957 the Greater **Victoria** Association For Retarded Children became the Semiahmoo House Society. Reference to "retarded" was dropped and replaced with "mental disabilities". Rather than hiding children away, families were encourage to help them integrate into society.

8-12-10 **Queen Victorias's portraits**

British coins have always portrayed the reigning monarch. Today, I'm going to tell about the portraits of Queen Victoria, the severe-looking woman, who appears on your old English coins (see photo). You'll see that there also have been very beautiful portraits of Victoria.

During her reign, from 1837 to 1901, three main portraits followed one another on British coins:

- the *young head*, engraved by William Wyon, from 1838 to 1859
- the *bun head*, engraved by his eldest son Leonard Charles Wyon, from 1860 to 1894
- the *veiled head*, engraved by Thomas Brock, from 1895 to 1901

There also have been two more specific portraits:

- the portrait which appeared on florins from 1847 to 1887, a work of William Wyon
- the *jubilee head*, designed by Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm and engraved by Leonard Charles Wyon for the queen's jubilee in 1887. This portrait raised a general disapprobation, due to the ridiculously small crown on top of the queen's head.

*Victoria's portraits on British coins, in the same order as in the text*

These portraits are usually surrounded with an abbreviated Latin legend, which should be read: "Victoria, Dei gratia, Brittaniarum regina, Fidei defenstrix, Indiae imperatrix". This can be translated by : Victoria, by the Grace of God, Queen of the Britains, Defender of the Faith (a title of British monarchs since the 16th century), Empress of India (concerning Victoria, from 1876).

There also were many other portraits, designed especially for British colonies and dominions.

*Victoria's portraits on coins from India, Canada and Jersey*

2850-008 (R/R), Janet and Rick MacKinnon announce Ardel **Victoria** Birth (Correction—there was an error wood made, and this is the one to fix it), Sydney, Nova Scotia, May 12, 1990, quantity 200, 38mm round, rarity 1.

8140-038A (R/R), **Victoria** Pharmacy, Calgary, Alberta, 1965, 38mm round, quantity unknown, rarity 4.

9850-005 (BL/BL), **Victoria** Association for Retarded, Victoria, British Columbia, 1858—1958, quantity 10,000, 38mm round, rarity 1.

CLCC-017 (BL/OR—BL), Portrait of **Victoria** 1861-1864, Nova Scotia—New Brunswick, 1979, quantity 1,000, 38mm round, rarity 1. Included in this quantity is BL/BL (no orange).

9850-008 (R/R), **Victoria** Chair Centre Ltd., Victoria, British Columbia, 1977, quantity 1,000, 38mm round, rarity 1. (mobility chairs)

## *Robots in Space*

This Robots in Space set was made by **Jim Smith** (woodencoin.com) from the finest plank-cut wood coins from BC Beetle Kill Pine. These coins feels as slick as they look due to a coat of Child-Safe Lacquer which seals the image for eternity. These 45mm (1-3/4 inch) wood coins are printed with single colour black so as to display the unique image and historic information. The set includes a wooden display stand. The images below are enlarged so you can read the information.

## *Craft Brewery Muck Set*

This Craft Brewery Muck set was made by **Jim Smith** (woodencoin.com) from the finest plank -cut wood coins from BC Beetle Kill Pine. These coins feels as slick as they look due to a coat of Child-Safe Lacquer which seals the image for eternity. These 45mm (1-3/4 inch) wood coins are printed with single colour black so as to display the unique image and historic information. The set includes a wooden display stand. The images below are enlarged so you can read the information.

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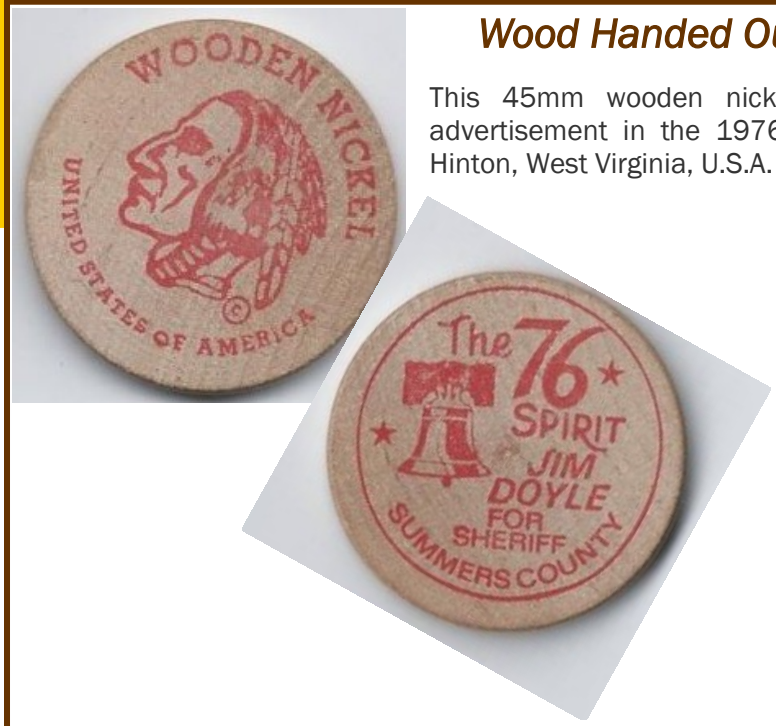
## *Wood Handed Our During Campaign*




This 45mm wooden nickel was used as a campaign advertisement in the 1976 election for Sheriff's office in Hinton, West Virginia, U.S.A.

James A. Doyle ("Jim", the "Spirit") ran for Sheriff of Summers County unsuccessfully (despite being very well known and a popular candidate) against several other contenders. Summers County has a long history of multiple candidates in the election of this office.

Jim was a local Hinton business-man running a hardware store for many years, and he was married with a daughter.

## *Terrance Stanley Fox*

This commemorative wood was made by **Jim Smith** (woodencoin.com).

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- Athlete
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